GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—16. (1) For the past 12 years, the levy of such cess having been sanctioned in May 1915.

(2) Rs. 5,02,767-5-7 up to the end of April 1927 including the interest.

(3) Invested in the Treasury. Interest is being realised at 4½ per cent.

(4) Yes. Tumkur to Chitaldrug *via* Sira and Hiriyur (88 miles).

(5) According to the programme sanctioned by Government, it is to be taken up during the years 1930-33 if funds permit. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 64 lakhs.

(6) There is no intention at present of discontinuing the cess in the district.

(7) *Vide* answer to (3).

BY MR. HANUMANTHA GOWDA (Tumkur Taluk).—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What is the total extent of hot weather Amrit Mahal Kavals in the Maidan districts fit for cultivation?

(2) What is the total amount of wet assessment that may be realised by giving out these kaval lands for cultivation?

(3) Will the Amrit Mahal Department agree to surrender to the Revenue Department, kaval lands, when there is demand for such lands?

(4) Is the net income of this department more than the revenue from wet assessment on such lands or is it less?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—17. (1) About 250 acres are fit for wet cultivation.

(2) About Rs. 1,000.

(3) Not likely, as the extent of hot weather kavals remaining in the possession of the department, after the surrender of a very large extent, is found to be hardly enough to meet the requirements of Government cattle.

(4) It is more.